

App. No. 10/090,911  
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### REMARKS

#### Claim Status

Claims 24, 30 – 57 are now pending. Claims 24, 32 and 33 have been amended.  
New claims 34 – 57 have been added.

#### CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103 OVER WO 99/57259

The claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over WO 99/57259 ("WO '259"). Applicant amends the claims to overcome the rejection.

Applicants amend the claims to *inter alia* clarify the claimed method is directed to softening a fabric in a manual rinse process comprising the steps of incorporating the fabric conditioning composition of the present invention in an aqueous bath in a first rinse step. Applicant submits that WO '259 fails to teach or suggest the invention as now claimed. As such, Applicant submits the claims are now allowable.

#### Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, reconsideration of the application, and allowance of the now pending claims is respectfully requested.

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